



4-H News

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Todd County's 4-H Performing Arts Troupe



The Todd County 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is a 4-H club for middle and high school students who are interested in singing and performing. This club is now accepting new members. New members may join the 4-H troupe by attending the meeting on **Thursday, January 18th** from **3:15–4:30 p.m.** at the high school in the auditorium. At this meeting, newcomers will need to perform a 2 minute audition song for the advisors. Call the 4-H office to sign up, email lmccuist@uky.edu or text Lee Ann 270-348-2353. This spring, the club will perform a set list at the Elementary Schools as well as at the Kentucky State Fair in August.

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4-H Summit



Attention middle school youth! The Kentucky 4-H Summit leadership conference is set for (Thursday), **March 21 - March 23** (Saturday). This conference is for 6th–8th graders across the state of Kentucky and will be held at West KY 4-H Camp. Todd County has 7 female spots and 4 male spots, so it's first come, first serve. 4-H Summit is a three day, two night leadership conference just for middle schoolers. This event gives middle schoolers the chance to experience exciting workshops that will build skills in leadership, communication and team work; participate in a service project, interact with state teen leadership board members and enjoy social and recreation time with middle school students from across Western Kentucky. If you are in the 6th–8th grade and want to sign up for this leadership

conference, come by the 4-H Office to fill out an application. The total cost is \$75 due by January 31. Transportation will be provided to Summit from the Todd County Extension Office.



4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest

The County 4-H Talk Meet will take place this spring as it has in the past. Any 4-H youth may enter a speech and/or demonstration in the contest by signing up with the 4-H office by March 31st. Public speaking is a great skill to learn and practice at an early age. Send an email to lmccuist@uky.edu no later than **March 29th** with the name of the speech or demonstration, age, birthdate & contact number. Junior age speeches (age 9-14 years) must be between 3-5 minutes long. Senior age speeches (age 15-19) must be 5-7 minutes

long. Members may also enter a 4-H demonstration, which is a “how to” speech using props, posters, visuals, etc. Two member team demonstrations are allowed. Anyone participating in the county event will receive a 4-H t-shirt. Check out the Kentucky 4-H Website and look under additional information for demonstration categories at <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-communications-day> Here are two YouTube links explaining the 4-H speech program. It also has an example of a 4-H member giving a state level winning speech.

4-H speech video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yStFgtTmmD4&feature=youtu.be>
 4-H demonstration video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzDF2g8uHCk&feature=youtu.be>



4-H School & After School Creative Arts Clubs

Get involved in 4-H in the new year by joining in one of the 4-H creative arts clubs held at South Todd Elementary and North Todd Elementary. FRYSC and 4-H provide supplies for the students to create their own project in this after school club meeting. **South Todd Creative Arts Club—Jan. 17 (Wed) from 3-4:15 p.m.** **North Todd 4-H Creative Arts Club—Jan. 16 (Tues) from 3-4:15 p.m.**

The school clubs will also meet this month with **South Todd** meeting on **Jan. 17th** and **North Todd** meeting on **Jan. 26th**. The **Middle School** club will meet Friday, **Jan. 26th**. The **High school** 4-H Club will meet on **Fri. Jan. 12th** during advisory in the auditorium.



4-H Horse Club News

The 4-H Horse Club is a club open to any youth from 9-19 years of age in Todd County who has an interest in horses. You don't have to own a horse to join, you just have to love horses. This Saturday, **January 6th**, the 4-H Horse Club is hosting a cattle sorting clinic at the Christian County Expo Center (2850 Pembroke Rd, Hopkinsville.) from 1-3:30 p.m. Rider spots are full, but there's plenty of room for non-riders to attend the clinic and just watch. Helmets must be worn when on horseback at any 4-H program. This clinic is open to any youth ages 9-19 for \$10 per person. Adults are also welcome to attend at no cost. (see flyer to the right)



4-H HORSE CLUB

TEAM SORTING CLINIC

Saturday, Jan. 6
1:00-3:30 p.m.

Christian County Expo Center
 2850 Pembroke Road
 Hopkinsville, KY 42240

(Helmets required for youth riders)

\$30

PER YOUTH RIDER

or

\$10

NON-RIDER

The Team Sorting Clinic will be conducted by Tripp Covington.

Any youth between 9 - 19 years may attend. Youth do not have to be a current 4-H Horse Club member to attend.

Only 15 spots available at \$30.00 for youth with horses. Reserve your riding spot by calling: Lee Ann McCuiston, Todd County 4-H - 270-265-5659 or Katie Mills - Christian County 4-H - 270-886-6328

Unlimited spots at \$10 each for non-riding youth.

4-H Camp News & Special Events!

Summer 4-H Camp Dates!

2024 Summer 4-H Camp for Todd County campers is set this summer for **July 15–19, 2024** at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Applications for 4-H camp will be available mid-March from the 4-H office. Camp is for 3rd graders -8th graders. Adult and teen camp counselors are needed, apply through the 4-H office. Teens must be members of the 4-H Teen Council. Camp donations are also needed to assist campers with camp fees. It's going to be a great summer at 4-H Camp "Under the Big Top" theme!



4-H Teen Council News



4-H Ski Trip The 4-H Teen Leadership "Ski" Retreat is set for Feb. 8-10, 2024. Todd County 4-H'ers will be traveling to Paoli, Indiana for a leadership weekend full of fun, laughter and team work games. The teens will be excused from school on Thursday afternoon and Friday to participate in this educational, leadership retreat. This is a rewards trip for active 4-H Teens involved in the 4-H Teen Council. Any 4-H alumni who want to go with us—contact Lee Ann at the 4-H office! Adults interested in attending, must fill out a 4-H volunteer application.

Teen Counselors at 4-H Camp If you are interested in attending summer 4-H camp as a teen counselor, you must be a member of the 4-H Teen Council. The next meeting will be held in February TBA. (9th—12th graders only) 4-H Camp is set for July 15-19, 2024!



Area 4-H Hockey Leadership Night– Tues. Feb. 13, 2024



4-H teens are heading to Nashville to watch the Predators play and do a behind the scenes tour of the arena. It's Agriculture night so the evening will feature several agricultural professionals who will share their insights and experiences with us. We will get a glimpse of what happens before the puck drops, from the locker rooms to the press box.

The Schedule: Leave office at 12:30 p.m.
Lunch-1:30 p.m. Chick-fil-A Clarksville, TN.
Arrive-3:30 p.m. Bridgestone Arena

Cost - \$90

Behind the scene experience 4 –6 p.m. Preds Game -7 –9 p.m. Arrive back to office by 11 p.m. Any 7th - 12th grader is invited to sign up to attend this 4-H Leadership Night. Free hat to attendees! (4-H'ers will be excused from school on Tuesday afternoon)

The Kentucky Ag Tag Program



It's that time of year again to renew your farm license plates. Last year Todd County 4-H programs received over \$720 from the voluntary donations made by farmers when they renewed their farm tags. Let's double that number this year and bring more money to support our future farmers and leaders! If you are a 4-H'er who knows a farmer, be sure to encourage them to make the voluntary donation of \$10.00 when they renew their farm tags! We thank you for your support! Everyone who donates at the Clerks office will receive a 4-H farm calendar this year!

4-H Farm Calendars



Todd County 4-H is selling 4-H Farm Calendars this year to raise money for leadership trips and conferences in 4-H! The calendars feature Todd County farm families each month and have important 4-H dates listed throughout. The calendars sell for \$10.00 each and are available here at the 4-H office and at the Clerk's office. If you donate the \$10 for AG Tag—you'll receive a calendar. (check out who made the front and back covers this year!



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4-H Photography

Capture important moments, communicate your perspective and show how life appears through your lens with 4-H photography. It's never too early to start capturing that perfect picture in the 4-H Photography project. You can take the pictures now and through the winter season to capture some really awesome shots! For the next few months, this newsletter will feature the general photography categories you can capture. This summer, bring your 8 x 10 shots or 4 x 6 in a group shot to the 4-H office to enter in the 4-H Fair.

Natural Resource Category Classes:

- 764A - Forest (large area with trees)
- 764B - Water (still or moving water)
- 764C - Wildlife (unrestrained or live wildlife in natural habitat.
- 764D - Natural Scenic (natural scene—manmade object not as subject)
- 764E –Native Plants - 1-5 photos (4x6 in size) of KY native flora in natural area (not in a garden)
- 764F - Insect—Unrestrained & live in habitat



Check out 4-H @

<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/todd/youthdev/>

We are on facebook too—"Todd County 4-H" like us to join!

Hope to see you soon!

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